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Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A crawler frame for a construction machine, comprising: having

a center frame; and

right and left track frames disposed on the right and left
5 sides of the center frame, respectively, so as to extend in a
back and forth direction of the crawler frame; [[,]]

wherein the center frame comprises a central frame section
and legs for connecting the central frame section to the track
frames, and wherein the legs are formed from cast steel.

2. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction
machine according to claim 1, wherein the legs of the center
frame have a tubular shape and the top faces of the legs are
convex in cross-section, and wherein the top faces face upward
away from a surface on which the construction machine is
supported.

3. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction
machine according to claim 1, wherein the legs of the center
frame ~~are in the shape of~~ have a cylindrical pipe ~~having a shape~~
and are circular in cross-section.

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4. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 1, wherein a joint flange section joined to the central frame section is provided at ~~the~~ an inner end of each leg, and a joint flange section joined to ~~a said one~~ of the track frame frames is provided at ~~the~~ an outer end of the each leg.

5. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 4, wherein ~~the~~ at least one of:
(i) joint surfaces of the central frame section and the joint flange section at the inner end of the each leg ~~and the central frame section and/or the~~ (ii) joint surfaces of the joint flange section at the outer end of the each leg and the corresponding track frame are flat faces.

6. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 4, wherein each of the legs are ~~respectively gently widened~~ widens from the inner end to the outer end thereof.

7. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction machine according to claim 2, wherein a joint flange section joined to the central frame section is provided at ~~the~~ an inner

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end of each leg, and a joint flange section joined to ~~a said one~~
5 of the track frame frames is provided at the an outer end of ~~the~~
each leg.

8. (Currently Amended) The crawler frame for a construction
machine according to claim 3, wherein a joint flange section
joined to the central frame section is provided at ~~the~~ an inner
end of each leg, and a joint flange section joined to ~~a said one~~
5 of the track frame frames is provided at the an outer end of ~~the~~
each leg.